

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510


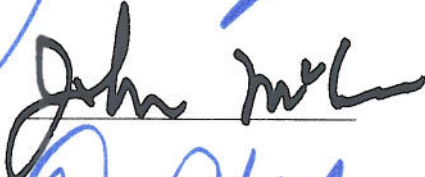


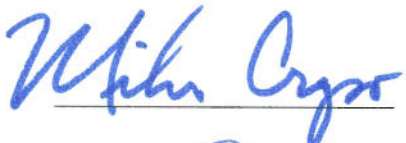
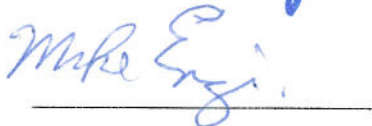
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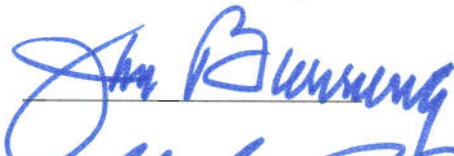


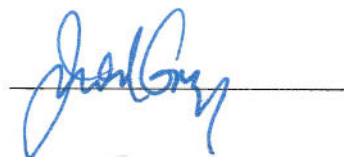
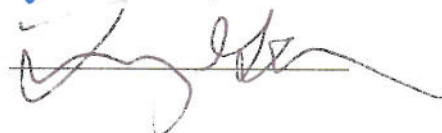
The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
The Capitol, S-128  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Inouye:

As a nation currently at war, and with President Obama facing the prospect of having to send tens of thousands of additional troops to Afghanistan, we believe that providing the Department of Defense (DOD) with the resources it requires is of the utmost importance. Therefore, we write to ask that no extraneous non-defense related matters accompany the DOD Appropriations Conference Report. We feel that doing so could ultimately delay or jeopardize this vital legislation, which is required by our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines, especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their safety should supersede all partisanship and efforts to seek political advantage.

Sincerely,

Roy Wicker

John Cornyn

Joe Manchin

Shelby Chambliss

John Thune

Tim Kaine

Al Franken

Mark Warner

Ben Ray Lujan

Jim DeMint

Lamar Alexander

Richard Shelby

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